

Commends Iowa Businesses for Leading in Clean Energy Production

Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Bruce Braley (IA-01) commended Western Dubuque Biodiesel and announced the businesses would be receiving a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) award of almost \$200,000.

“I’m proud to support Western Dubuque Biodiesel and the work they do to help reduce our country’s dependence on foreign oil,” said Congressman Braley. “I’ve visited their business several times, and I’m happy to hold them up as an example of what Iowa is: a place where we grow our economy and create new jobs by fostering innovative ideas – especially in the fields of clean energy and biofuels.”

The USDA Rural Development Award totals \$178,926.98 and will be used to help expand production of advanced biofuels. The award comes on the same day as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s announcement that it approved the use of 15 percent blend ethanol (E15) for automobiles and light trucks of model year 2001 and newer.

“I was heartened by the EPA’s decision and approval of E15 today – it’s great news for our state and our workforce,” said Braley. “With the EPA’s decision, I hope new businesses and companies will follow the example of Western Dubuque Biofuels and others like them – by innovating, expanding and creating good-paying jobs right here in Iowa.”